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Sept 5. 1838

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1838. Sept 5. The Church met in the Hall at 2 Oclock P.M. agreeable to appointment and after prayer attended to the examination of the following persons as candidates for admission to our communion viz: Eunice Whiton, Julia Ingraham Mary Parry, Paulina Maria Winslow Royana Downing recommended by letters from other Churches— Persis S. Woods Harriet Woods Olin Elwell Delia Gilbert

Voted that they be propounded for admission to our Church at the next communion.

Attest

John Whiton Pastor

Sept 16th Lord's Day— The above named persons and Hover were duly admitted to the Church— All of them assenting to the articles of Faith & the Covenant held by this Church & those who for the first time made their profession of Supreme at-

2.. tachment to Christ, were baptized.
After which the sacrament of
the Lords Supper was administred.
Attest—
J. Whiton Pastor

1839. Jany 6th The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in the afternoon to the Church. The following persons having been at a previous meeting examined & propounded for admission to the Church were received into full communion on assenting in due form to the Confession of Faith & Covenant viz. Keith Jane Chase Lucinda Kendall & Rachel Capen.

Jno Whiton Pastor

" March 10th The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. Mrs. Fanny Babcock having been previously examined & propounded for admission to the Church was duly received. Baptism being administered to her after she had assented to the Confession of Faith then to the Covenant. Mrs Olive Fobes was received to our Church by letter from the Chh in Greenwich.

John Whiton Pastor

1839. March 20th P.M. The Church met at the Hall for prayer &c
Voted to grant Charles Gardner & his wife a letter of dismission from us and of recommendation to the Church of Christ in South Brookfield
Voted that the deacons be a committee to attend to cases of discipline in the Church which seem to call for action without delay.

April 17. The Church met at the Hall for prayer & the transaction of business.

A written complaint was presented to the Chh against Wm P. Stone by Dea Tobey for having neglected the ordinances of the Gospel and for having been in the habitual use of profane language.

Evidence having also come before the Church that the regular steps of Christian discipline had been duly taken without obtaining any satisfaction — and moreover that the accused had manifested

a determination to treat with intire neglect & torn contempt all the proceedings of the Church which might be had or employed to reclaim him to duty — it was therefore

Resolved that Wm P. Stone be and hereby is Suspended from all the privileges of the Church for the crime of contumacy in refusing to give the Church Gospel Satisfaction in regard to a Complaint preferred agt him for neglect of the ordinances of Religion & the habitual use of profane Swearing.

Attest John Whiton

April 24. The Church met as usual in the Hall — and the following persons were examined for admission into it at the next Communion viz: Huldah Deming Cornelia Smith Mary Angelina Abbott & Edna Dixon — Their Examination was Satisfactory.

J. Whiton

May 1st Sab. Communion - The persons examined at the Church meeting held on the 24th ult - were duly admitted to our communion on assenting to the Articles of faith & the Covenant - The were all baptized Except Cornelia Smith:

J. Whiton Pastor

July 6th Sab Communion - The following persons having been previously Examined & propounded were admitted to the Church in the usual manner on assenting to the articles of Faith & the Covenant viz:
Mary Clark Polly Harwood
Anna Joslin Sarah Ann
Hunter Mary Woods the three
last named received baptism

J. Whiton Pastor

A.D. 1839. Sept 1st Sab. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered. Albert Warren Geo. W. Whitney & Charlotte his wife and their Son Franklin having been admitted into the Church by Letters of recommendation & at previous meetings.

J. Whiton Pastor

Nov 2d Sabbath - The Sacramental Supper was administered. Horace & his wife were admitted to full communion by assenting to the Articles of Faith & the covenant in the usual manner having been previously examined before the Church & propounded for admission. Horace & his wife were also received to our special care & fellowship by letters of recommendation from other Churches of our order.

J. Whiton Pastor

1840 June 1st Sab. The Sacrament of the Lord's
Supper was administered — At a meeting
of the Church held on Wednesday Evening Brother
Warner was admitted to our com-
munion by letter of recommendation from the
Church of Christ in Williamsburgh

Feb 26th Regular Church meeting at which
Wm P. Stone was present and having
made a full & free confession of all the
crimes & offences laid to his charge by the
Church and for which he had been Sus-
pended from the enjoyment of Christian Privi-
ledge — he was by vote restored to a good &
regular Standing —
Mrs Mary Thurston was dismissed &
recommended to join the Church of
Christ in Pelham
A letters of dismission & of recommendation
have been granted to Mrs S. L. Gaylord
to the Church in Pittsford N.Y. & to Mrs.
Underwood to the Church
in Charlton Mass. John Whitton Past

March 1st Sab. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administered.

Mary Esther Shaw was admitted to our communion on assenting to the articles of the Christian faith and the Covenant held by this Church & receiving baptism; having been previously Examined and Instructed for admission.

John Wilson Pastor

Enfield Dec. 9. 1840.

The Church met at the Hall at the Call of the Moderator.

Voted to have a regular monthly meeting of the Church on the first Wednesday of each month for the transaction of business, prayer & religious Conference.

Voted to grant a letter of dismission to Mrs. John Field, & of recommendation to the Congregational Church in Barre.

Voted That Deacon Brainard, Dea. Towne, & Capt. Fobes be a Committee to investigate the reports prejudicial to the moral & Christian Character of Mrs. Ridu, Mrs Lucy Gibbs & Mr Hiram Snow, members of this Church, & report at the next meeting.

Voted That Rev Mr Whiton & Deacon Fobes be a Committee in connexion with Deacon Woods (previously appointed) for the purpose of obtaining a reprint of the Confession of faith of this Church, together with Scripture proofs, in pamphlet form.

Church met at the Hall Enfield
2d Wednesday of April 1841.

Opened with prayer – Br W. Barlow presented an explanation of his religious belief in reference to the Xth article of the Confession of faith adopted by this Chh – in answer to the following Specification in a Complaint which had been preferred against him – viz. That You have not adhered to the faith of this Church as expressed in article Xth – relative to the doctrine also as he states his reasons & motives for withdrawing his pecuniary Support from the preached Gospel in our Church – & Likewise for not having Communed with us for a considerable time.

Voted that decision action on the case of Br. Barlow be deferred & that the pastor Seek counsel & advice in relation it –

Enfield April Wednesday Evening 1841.
At a church meeting in the Hall the following persons were admitted to examination as candidates for Church Membership viz:
Mr. Lunn W. Pope Miranda W. Caspin Persis C. Woods — on experience — Caroline Mc Kinney by letter from Church in Amherst
The latter was received by a vote of the Church

1st Sat May — Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered Miranda W. Caspin & Persis C. Woods having been duly propounded for admission into the Church, were received as is customary by assenting to the articles of faith & the Covenant held by this Church

J W.

1st Sat in July — Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered as usual — Mr. Lunn W. Pope & his wife having been previously propounded for admission into the Church were duly received as is customary by assenting to the articles of faith and the covenant held by this Church

J W

1st Wednesday in July 1841. Enfield Mass.

At the Stated meeting of the Church in the Hall — The case of brother W. Barlow was introduced for consideration and after free conversation and delibrate consultation upon it — the following resolution was passed unanimously viz: That the Pastor be invited to visit Br. Barlow and obtain from him an explicit answer to the question whether he regrets having withdrawn his support from sustaining the preached Gospel in this Church in such a sense that he is now willing & intends to pay his just proportion of dues up to the present time, and also request him to attend the next regular meeting of the Church.

The case of Mrs. Rachel Gibbs (now Mrs. Brown) was proposed for consideration — After the Pastor had communicated the result of his personal interview with her & efforts for her reformation together with those of Dea Brainard & Dea Towne reported at a previous meeting to have been: No evidence of genuine repentance for the acknowledged

fact that for a number of years
She has neglected entirely the ordinances
of public worship in this Church — and
no satisfactory reasons for such neglect
it was resolved that a letter of ad
monition be sent to her by the Pastor
in behalf of the Church —

The Subject of contributing for the Sup
port of the Gospel ministry in this Church
was considered and discussed as a Christian duty be-
longing to every member of the Church
Whereupon the following resolution
was proposed for consideration at
the next regular meeting of the Church
viz: Resolved that it be a Standing rule
of this Church that each member thereof
shall pay his ratable proportion by poll &
estate for the support of the Gospel and
that a violation of this rule is a breach
of Church Covenant.

J. Whitton

Aug. 1st Wednesday 2 o'Clock P.M.

The Church met at the Hall as usual and was opened by reading a portion of the Scriptures—after prayer &c.

The Pastor stated that he had attended to the special duties assigned to him at the last regular meeting of the Church viz: in relation to Mrs. Lucy Brown & Br. W. Barlow—in records— The latter being present communicated his feelings & sentiments—in reference to withdrawing his support from the Gospel in this Church he supposed he had a right so to do as he lived out of town & paid otherwhere and in respect to the doctrines he believed essentially as the rest of the Church except in regard to the doctrine of reprobation—

As it respects his having withdrawn from the communion he said he had his reasons for so doing at the time which he then thought were good & sufficient but he still had not deemed it expedient to state them to the Church tho he was willing to confer with individual members on the subject— He had conversed with the Rev. Whiton on the subject and was willing to have him state the reas-

ons to the Church if he thot proper.

But it was finally resolved that the Standing Committee of the Church Except Dea Jones together with Bro E. Hosier & Eliphas Jones be a committee to confer with Br. Barlow & report at the next Stated meeting.

The resolution of the Church proposed at the last meeting respecting the Support of the Gospel Sermons was taken up & discussed but deferred for further consideration.

The meeting was then adjourned till the first Wednesday in Sept next after prayer by the moderator

J. Whiton

Aug. 22d Dea. A. Smith was appointed by vote of the Church as delegate to attend a meeting of an Ecclesiastical Council to be convened at Belchertown on Tuesday the 31st inst for the purpose of installing Rev. Geo. A. Oviatt over the Church & Society as their pastor in said town in ~~accordance~~ conformity to a request made in a letter this day rec'd

J. Whiton

1841. Aug. 26th The Church met at the call of the pastor announced at the close of Divine Service the Sabbath previous as follows: viz.

"I deem it my duty to call a Special meeting of the Church at the Hall on Thursday P.M. at 2 o'clock for the important purpose of prayer & conference respecting the duty & propriety of Continuing the sacred relation between the pastor & the Church & religious Society under my care. A general attendance is earnestly and affectionately requested."

The meeting was opened with prayer after which the pastor Stated his reason for calling it, to have been, the existing State of disaffection towards himself among the people of his charge as it had been publicly declared at a meeting of the religious Society under his care held on the 12th inst of the leading design & principal doings of which he had obtained from the Clerk the following record viz: The design to act on this question: Does the Rev. John Whilon sufficiently possess the confidence & affection of the members of this

20 Society to warrant a continuance of the relation existing between them?

26 members did not vote
41 " responded Yea
43 " " Nay
110 Total

18 members of the Church responded Yea
25 do do Nay
10 did not vote –
2 of other Churches Nay

In view of these facts the pastor observed that he had conversed with several prominent members of the Church who had concurred with him in the opinion that it was expedient to call a Special meeting of the brethren for the purpose of prayer & consultation in order to determine what ought to be done in these trying circumstances. After making this statement & intimating that the meeting thus called was now open for free conversation & for any suggestions or resolutions that the brethren might please to offer with a view to meet the exigencies of the pre-

sent crisis and after giving ample opportunity for this purpose but no proposition having been made by the Church the pastor then remarked that for a time he had thot favorably of a plan that had been proposed of calling in two neighboring pastors to examine our state and give us their advice in regard to what ought to be done under existing circumstances but upon more mature reflection and after consulting with several Esteemed brethren in the ministry who had expressed a decided preference for an other plan as the more excellent way, he had come to the deliberate conclusion to adopt it and it is this: to invite the Church & Society under his pastoral care to unite with him in calling a mutual Council of Sister Churches to investigate the whole matters of difficulty & report upon the Same. Here a discussion arose upon the propriety of calling a council in a case like this no allegations having been preferred against the pastor nor any reasons stated why he should not possess the confidence & affection of his people

22. On the one side it was observed that the vote of the Society expressing the simple fact of existing disaffection towards him was itself a sufficient cause for calling a Council & would be suitable matter for their examination & decision. On the other side it was urged & maintained that it was unprecedented in other civil or Ecclesiastical proceedings to try a man as an offender without first alleging against him some specific charges and it was earnestly requested that if the brethren on the other side had any reasons for their dissatisfaction with the pastor that they should now be made known and the pastor intimated his willingness to withdraw if this were the ideas were of the meeting that no one might be embarrassed by his presence in communicating his views & feelings. But this intimation of the pastor was not accepted neither were any charges or reasons alleged against him. No one brother observed that he voted against Mr. Whiton not because he had any thing against him as a man but he did not like his

preaching. The question then was 23.
asked whether the council should be em-
powered to dissolve the pastoral relation
in case it should appear to them impor-
tant and it was urged in favor of giving
them this power that was ~~as~~ useless to
multiply Councils and would be attended
with trouble & expense. To this the pastor re-
plied that if in the course of investigation
good & sufficient reasons should appear
to the council for dissolving this connec-
ion he had supposed that then they
might be authorized to effect.

But a strong desire was expressed
by some of the brethren that the Council
should be so empowered in the letters mis-
sive and the pastor yielded the point - and
the following motion was unanimously
adopted viz: Moved that we unite with
our pastor in calling a mutual Council
of Sister Churches to meet in this place
by their pastors & delegates at such times
as may hereafter be agreed upon
to take into consideration the existing
state of disaffection towards him

and any other facts & statements which the council may deem important to come before them in order to a fair investigation of the case and report upon the same: Also to consider the reason & propriety of continuing the pastoral relation between him and the people of his care and to give advice thereon —

And if in the judgment of the said council it shall be deemed Expedient and proper that the pastoral relation should be dissolved that they proceed to effect the same.

The active deacons of were appointed a committee of the Church to cooperate with the parish in carrying into effect these proceedings.

The meeting was then dissolved

J. Whitin

Enfield Dec 8th 1841

The Church met at the Hall by an appointment made from the desk the last Sabbath after Spending a Season of Prayer a Motion was made to Chose a Clerk which was Carried in the Affirmative & Chose Ansel Fobes Clerk The Subject of Difficulty Existing between them & Brother Barlow was then brought up by Dea Smith he & Brother Hooker having Recently Visited him & he appearing before them for the purpose of trying to bring it to an amicable Settlement

Voted that the case of Discipline with Brother Barlow which is before them be now brought to Close & he restored to the fellowship & communion of the Church

Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

Ansel Fobes Clerk

June 21st 1838 the following Named persons were Admitted to this Church by Letters from Sister Chs

Dea Ebenezer Town & his Wife Mrs Hawkes &

Reuben Thayer which I can find no Record of

Ansel Fobes Clerk

July 13th 1838 The following Named persons were Admitted to this Church by profession Viz.
Hosea Hosher John Thayer George A. Chase.
Samuel Hagar James Hagar
Emila A. Gross Mary A. Downing Lucy E Winslow
Charlotte E Keith Selina Carey Ann H Root
Sarah Beals. Sarah Sampson. Adaline Hendrick
Harriet A Robinson Mary R Robinson
Mary Davis. Susan F Bryant Lydia C. Rondell
Mary J Morse
which I do find no Record of
Ansel Fobes Clerk

The following Named persons have been Admitted to this Church by Letters Since Sept 4th 1840 Viz
John M. Peck & his Wife Dea Josiah C Chandler
Clarissa Joslyn Frances Wilson & his Wife &
Linda Fobes

Ansel Fobes Clerk

January 12th 1842

The Church Met by appointment from the Desk for Business after a Season of Prayer for Divine guidance & Direction it was Moved & Seconded that we invite the Rev Robert McEwen to become the Pastor of this Church & that the question be taken by yeas & Nays which Motion was Decided in the Affirmative

The question was then put to every Member present & they Every one Answered Yea 37 Members were present

Voted that the Clerk be requested to see the Absent members in carrying this Vote into effect I found but one that had any Objection to Mr McEwen a large number were in favor of immediately giving him a Call the rest wished to hear him further before they made up their minds

Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

Amos Tobes Clerk

January 19 the Church met at the Hall for Prayer & Conference after those exercises were Closed

The Moderator informed them that Bro Ephraim Bassett & his Wife had applied to him for Letters of Recommendation to Some Church not designating any one & that the request was made in Consequence of Disaffection towards this Church they did not See fit to grant the request at present but Chose Bro Thomas Long & Frances Wilcox to confer with Bro Bassett & See if they

could not effect a reconciliation

Asahel Fobes Clerk

Result of Council

Pursuant to Letters missive from the Church & Society in Enfield an Ecclesiastical Council convened at the house of Dea Alvin Smith Sept. 29th 1841 — to take into consideration the existing State of disaffection towards the Pastor of this Church & any facts & Statements the Council may deem important to come before them in order to a fair investigation of the case — Also to consider the reason & propriety of continuing the Pastoral relation between Rev John Whiston & the people of his charge — to give advice thereon — & if in the judgement of said Council it shall be deemed expedient to dissolve said Pastoral relation. There were present from the Church in New Braintree Rev John Fisk pastor Bro Nahum Ayres Delegate Church in North Brookfield Rev Thomas Snell D. D. Pastor Bro Frances Carruth Delegate 2d Church in Amherst Rev Nathan Perkins Pastor Bro John Farmenter Delegate Church in Granby Rev James Bates Pastor Rev Harvey Smith Delegate Church in South Hadley Rev Joseph D. Condit Pastor Rev Moses Montague Delegate Church in Belchertown Rev Summers Ely Clerk Pastor

32 Church in Warren Rev George Trask
Pastor Dea Samuel Judd Delegate —

Council organized by choosing Rev John Fisk
Moderator & Rev James Bates Scribe — As the ~~members~~
invited by the letters missive were not all present
by request of the parties the Rev Barnabas M. Fay
of the Church in Hardwick was admitted to act with
the Council in the place of the Rev Dr Osgood of
Springfield who was absent — Council was opened
with Prayer by the Moderator — The Rev Dr Benson
of Troy New York appeared & was admitted as a
Advocate for the Rev Mr Whiton — Voted to adjourn
to meet at the Meetinghouse at half past Seven
O Clock this evening to hear such Statements as the
parties may think best to present — Met according
to adjournment Dr Snell led the Council in Prayer
A Document was then presented by the Committee of
the Church & Society showing that a majority of those
who are Assessed & Taxed for the support of the Gospel
in this Church & Society were dissatisfied with their
their Pastor & were convinced that he could not any
longer be useful in this place as a Minister of the
Gospel — Statements & testimony were then presented
by the Committee of the Church showing the nature
extent & reason of this dissatisfaction —

Voted to adjourn to meet in this place at Eight o'Clock
tomorrow morning — Sept. 30 AM according to
adjournment Rev Mr Brooks led in Prayer —
Proceeded to hear further testimony in reference to the
dissatisfaction of this people towards their Pastor —
after which the Committee of the Church submitted the
case to the Council for their present — The advocate for Mr
Whiton made a plea in favor of an adjournment of
the Council to a future day to give him & Mr Whiton
opportunity to rebut the Statements & testimony which
have been presented stating that they were not now
fully prepared to proceed — The Rev Mr Clapp led in
Prayer after which the Council upon due deliberation
Voted that while we wish to grant every necessary
indulgence to Mr Whiton & his Advocate we do not deem
it expedient to adjourn to a future day — because we
think that Mr Whiton & his advocate have had as good an
opportunity to be prepared as have the other party —
because we think that an adjournment of this case in
the present excited State of feeling in this Community
would tend to great injury among this people —
& because we think it will be very difficult for all
the members of this Council to meet again on a
future day — Voted that the parties be informed that
the Council will be ready to proceed to business at

34. half past one O Clock P. M. Voted that we adjourn to meet in this place at half past one O Clock — Met according to adjournment the records of the Second Parish & Church ~~meetings~~ meetings in relation to this whole subject were called for & read after which Mr Whitaker & his Advocate introduced various Statements & Testimony to rebut that which had been presented by the Church Committee — Voted to adjourn to meet in this place at half past Seven O Clock this evening — Met according to adjournment & attended to further testimony introduced by Mr Whitaker to rebut the testimony presented by the other party — the Council then listened to remarks made by Mr Whitakers advocate till a late hour — Voted to adjourn to meet in this place at half past Seven O Clock tomorrow morning — 6th. 1st Met according to adjournment the Rev Mr Clapp led the Council in Prayer after which Mr Whitakers Advocate closed his remarks — after some deliberation & discussion the Council on account of the ill health of one of its members Voted to adjourn to the house of Rev A Smith to meet at one O Clock P. M. Met according to adjournment — in view of the peculiar circumstances & embarrassments of Mr Whitaker & his family the Council recommend to this people to give him

the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars — Being assured that the above recommendations will be mutually accepted & complied with — Thus in view of all the circumstances before them the Council feel they deem it expedient that the Pastoral relation between Rev. Mr Whitton & this Church & Society be dissolved & it is hereby Dissolved — In Dissolving this relation the Council are gratified to find that in all the Statements & testimony which we have heard nothing has been presented against Mr Whitton which in our view impeaches his moral or ministerial Character We do therefore hereby recommend him to the Churches of our Lord Jesus Christ as a beloved Brother in the Lord sustaining a pure moral & Christian Character & as a faithful preacher & defender of the Gospel — The Council commend this Beloved [redacted] Church & Society to the Lord & would urge it upon them to look with candor & Prayer upon their present State to exercise forbearance towards each other & to seek in Prayer to the Lord with all earnestness that he will soon restore peace & harmony & a Stated preached Gospel among them

36. # Voted that whatever of an unchristian Spirit has transpired in the course of proceedings the Council would pass over in Silence

While they would express their disapprobation of whatever partakes of the meanness & forbearance of the Gospel — & now dear Brethren we commend you to God & the word of his grace which is able to build you up in the faith & order of the Gospel —

Voted that we adjourn to the Meetinghouse to communicate our result & that then the Council be Dissolved

John Fiske Moderator

A true Copy Attest James Bates Scribe

In this sentence the Council have no reference to any thing done by those who acted in behalf of the Church but they refer to some things done by the Separates on the other Side

A true Copy of the Result of the Council

Attest Ansel Fobes Clerk

Feby 2d 1842

The Church met by appointment from the Desk
After a season spent in Prayer & Conference Voted that the three active Deacons be a Committee ~~to unite with the Deacons~~ on the part of the Church to Select a Council & Send Letters to them & to make arrangement for the installation of the Rev Mr McEwen

Amasa Fobes Clerk

Pursuant to Letters Missive from the Church of Christ in Enfield an Ecclesiastical Council convened at the house of Dea Alvin Smith on the 15th of February 1842 for the purpose of installing the Rev Robert McEwen over said Church if deemed expedient—

There were present

From the East Church in Amherst Rev Mr Perkins Pastor Bro Ithamer Conkey Del

Church in Greenwich Rev Mr Pattrick Pastor
Dea David Cotton Del

Church in Granby Rev Mr Bates Pastor
Dea Cyprus Stebbins Del

Church in Colebrook Rev Mr Clapp Pastor
Church in Bolchertown Rev Mr Orcutt Pastor
Bro Justus Forward Del

38. Church in South Hadley Dea Moses Montague Del
[illegible] & [illegible] 1st Church in Amherst
Rev Mr Cotton Pastor Dea David Mack Jr Del
Council Organized by Choosing Rev Mr Perkins
Moderator & Rev Mr Cotton Scribe —
Council was opened with Prayer by the Moderator
Rev Mr Underwood of Charlton being present
was invited to Sit with the Council as a Visitor
Documents were then laid before the Council from
which it appeared that the Church & Society in this
place had invited Rev Robert McEwen to
settle with them in the Gospel Ministry & that
he had accepted the invitation
Voted that the Council consider the proceedings in
regard to Mr McEwens Settlement regular & opening
the way to proceed to his examination with
reference to his installation —
Mr McEwen was then examined with reference
to his Christian experience & motives for engaging
in the Ministry & also his acquaintance with
Systematick Theology & Pastoral Duties
After which Voted unanimously that the examination
be considered Satisfactory & that the Council proceed
to his installation & assign the parts as follows

Introductory Prayer by Rev Mr Underwood
Sermon by Rev Mr Perkins
Installing Prayer by Rev Mr Closs
Charge to the Pastor by Rev Mr Pattrick
Right hand of Fellowship by Rev Mr Oviatt
Concluding Prayer by Rev Mr Bates
Voted to adjourn to tomorrow Morning at ½ past Eight
Wednesday Morning Feby 16th 1842 Met according to adjournment
In reference to the subject which was referred to us
of affixing some conditions anticipating a dissolution
of the Pastoral relation now to be formed the Council
after due deliberation adopted the following resolutions
Resolved 1 That the connection between Pastor & people
is a most sacred relation not to be dissolved except for
the most urgent reasons & as evidently directed by the
will of God.
Resolved 2 That in the opinion of this Council there
is reason to fear more evil in making a provision for
a dissolution of this relation at the time of its formation
than there is in passing it over in silence
Therefore Resolved
3 That we recommend in the case before us that to the
terms of Settlement there be annexed no conditions
anticipating a dissolution of the union now to be formed

40. Resolved 4 That in no case should the relation between Pastor & people be dissolved except by an Ecclesiastical Council

Voted to proceed to the Meetinghouse at half past ten to perform the Services of the installation

Proceeded to the Meetinghouse & performed the Services of installation according to assignment

Nathan Perkins Moderator

A M. Cotton Scribe

Enfield Feby 16th 1842

A True Copy of the Records of the Council

Attest Ansel Fobes Clerk

March 2 1842 admitted Mrs Betsey P. McEwen to this Church by Letter from Middletown 1st

March 30 Voted to give Miss Eliza McKinney a Letter of Recommendation to the Congregational Church in Stafford 1st

April 20 Voted to give Mrs Babcock a Letter of Recommendation to a Church in Boston

May 11 Voted to give Mrs Winslow P. M. Winslow & L. E Winslow Letters of Recommendation to some Presbyterian Church in the Western part of Newyork where they may locate themselves

May 15 George Packard Son of Mr Sheldon Warner was Baptised

22 Susan James Daughter of Mr Oliver Bryant was Baptised

27 Josiah Albert Son of Mr Samuel Dixon was Baptised

June 5 Sarah Adaline Mary Whitney & Abby Jane Daughters of Mr Lewis W Pope were Baptised

12 Mary Jane Daughter of Mr Stephen A Jocelyn was Baptised

July 3 Charles Stoddard Son of Mr Luther Chapin Jr was Baptised

42. July 3d 1842 Mrs William I Gilbert & Mr Samuel Kimball & his Wife were admitted to this Church by Letters the former from Warner & the two latter from the Baptist Church in Pittsfield

Loisa H. Kimball Almira E Kimball Dennis S. Wilson & Eleazer W Walker were Received by profession the two former were Baptised

At a legal Church meeting at the Hall August 17th 1842 Voted that the Rev Robert M'Ewen Deacons Timothy Boardman Ansel Fobes & Alvin Smith be a Committee for one year to examine all persons who may wish to unite with this Church & report to the Church at their next meeting the result of such examination & if the Church vote that they shall be Propounded - that there shall be no other vote taken in Connexion with their Admittance

Attest Ansel Fobes Clerk

August 31th 1842 Mrs Sarah Barker was Admitted to this Church by Letter from the Church in New London Vermont

Gorham

Complaint of Rev Timothy Brainard against William C
Timothy Brainard of the Church of Enfield
Appeared & Complained of William C Gorham a Brother
in said Church that he denies the faith which he once
professed - that he denies it in a fundamental point
& in theory & practice both ~~rejecting~~ rejecting the
necessity of the new birth or a change of heart in
man & regarding what he once supposed was such a
change in himself a mere imagination or Delusion
The Complainant also informs the Church that he visited
the brother complained of & with a view to reclaim him
from Error & in two instances first alone & then in company
with another Brother but wholly without success

Enfield August 31th 1842 — Timothy Brainard

At a meeting of the Church on the 31st of August 1842
the above Complaint was presented Whereupon the Church
Voted that Brother Gorham be served with a Copy of it & be
cited to meet the Church & answer to the Complaint at our
Adjourned meeting on Wednesday September 7th 1842 at 3 O Clock
P. M.

I hereby Certify that the above is a true Copy of the
Complaint & the Doings of the Church thereon

& that I have this day given him a Copy of the Complaint & the Sole of the Church thereon & also notified him verbally to appear before the Church at the time & place above named

A True Copy Attest Ansel Fobes Clerk

Sept^r 7^th The Church met at the Hall for Business meeting opened by Prayer by the Moderator the Clerk then presented a Letter from Brother Gorham stating that he should not meet the Church to answer to the Charges preferred against him but that they might take their own Course Voted that the Complaint was sustained & that M^r M^c Ewin send him a Letter of admonition meeting Closed by Prayer by Dea Woods

Attest Ansel Fobes Clerk

Sept^r 14 The Church met at the Hall for Business Meeting opened by Prayer by the Moderator M^r M^c Ewin presented a Letter from B^r Gorham in answer to the Letter of admonition which he sent him still refusing to meet the Church or make them any Satisfaction - the Church Voted that the connexion between them &c &

Said William O. Gorham be dissolved

Attest Ansel Tober Clerk

A Copy

of Bro Alvin Smiths Complaint against Mary K Robinson

Alvin Smith a member of the Church in Enfield
appeared & complained of Mary K Robinson a nother
member That She has violated her covenant with this Church
by forsaking its communion in the observance of the Lords
Supper having continued in that neglect for about two
years up to the Dait of this Complaint

The Complainant also States that he has visited the Sister
Complained of to induce her to repent & return.
first alone & afterwards in Company with another
brother but without Succes A. Smith

Enfield Sept^r 21^th 1842

The above Complaint was presented at a meeting of
the Church Sept^r 21^th 1842 Whereupon the Church
Voted to Entertain it & that the Sister Complained of be
Cited to appear & answer to it at a meeting of the
Church to be held at the Hall Sept^r 28^th 1842

I hereby Certify that I have this day given Mary K Robinson
an Attested Copy of the within Complaint & the vote of the
Church upon the Same at a legal meeting on the 21 instant
& notified her to meet the Church at the Hall on the

46. 28th Instant at 2 O Clock P. M. to answer to the written Complaint

Enfield Sept. 24th 1842 Arnold Tober Clerk

A Copy of Samuel Dixon's Complaint against James Hayes

Samuel Dixon a member of the Church in Enfield appeared & complained of James Hayes another member That he has violated his Covenant with this Church by forsaking its Communion in the observance of the Lords Supper for a length of time He also complains of this brother for using profane language The Complainant also States that he has visited the brother complained of to induce him to repent & return first alone & afterwards in Company with another brother but without Succes

Enfield Sept. 21th 1842 Samuel Dixon

The above Complaint was presented at a meeting of the Church Sept. 21th 1842 Whereupon the Church voted to entertain it & that the brother complained of be Cited to appear & answer to it at a meeting to be at the Hall Sept. 28th 1842

I hereby Certify that I have this day given James Hazard
an Attested Copy of the within Complaint & the vote of the
Same at a legal meeting on the 21 Instant & Notified him
to meet the Church at the Hall on the 23th Instant
at 2 O'Clock P. M. to answer to the within Complaint

Enfield Sept 24th 1842 Ansel Fobes Clerk

At a meeting of the Church Sept 21th 1842
After prayer by the moderator the case of Mrs Lucy Brown
was brought before them for their consideration & action
after duly reflecting upon her case they voted that the
Connection of Sister Brown be dismissed
Attest Ansel Fobes Clerk

Sept 23th 1842 The Church met at the Hall for business
Meeting Opened by Prayer by the Moderator the complaints
presented at the last meeting were brought before the meeting
with the Certificate of the Clerk that he had given the
members Complained of Copies of the Complaints &
the action of the Church upon them
Mary R. Robinson appeared before the Church & Confessed
that the Charge in the Complaint against her was true
the Church voted that her case be postponed one week
& that She be made a Subject of Special Prayer

48. that she may be brought to repentance & return to duty & her God

James Hagar Did not meet the Church nor make any communication to them

They then voted that a Letter of Dismission be sent him

Meeting Closed by Prayer by Bro Brainard

Attest Ansel Fobes Clerk

October 5th 1842

The Church met at the Hall for business meeting opened by Prayer by the Moderator The case of Mary R Robinson & James Hagar were brought up for further consideration & postponed one week meeting Closed with prayer

Attest Ansel Fobes Clerk

Oct. 12th 1842

The Church met at the Hall for business meeting opened with Prayer by the Moderator The case of Mary R Robinson & James Hagar were again brought before the Church & after due consideration the case of Mary R Robinson was again postponed to the 2 ~~Wednesday~~ Day in Nov. The Church voted that the Connexion between them & James Hagar be dissolved meeting closed with Prayer Attest Ansel Fobes Clerk

The Rev. Joshua Wood by first Lucia
was instituted in 1785. Dec. 2nd.
This was the result of the
Revival of the Church.
He deceased in office and
his death Feb. 19th 1838. At
the age of 77 yrs.

Succeeded by Darius Sabin.
was the first Deacon.

Furnished by a Granddaughter
of Rev Joshua Loveday

Nov^r 2^d The Church met at the Hall for Business meeting opened with Prayer by the Moderator the case of Mary R Robinson was brought up & again postponed two Weeks meeting Closed with Prayer

Attest Ansel Tobes Clerk

November 6^th 1842

Mr William Snow & Avigaline his Wife were admitted to this Church by Profession

Attest Ansel Tobes Clerk

Nov^r 9^th 1842 The Church Voted to give John M Peart & his Wife & Susan H Barbour Letters of Recommendation to the Church in Bethlehemtown

Attest Ansel Tobes Clerk

Nov^r 16^th 1842 The Church met at the Hall for business meeting Opened with Prayer by the Moderator the case of Mary R Robinson was again brought before them for further Discussion & reflection & they voted that the Connexion between them & Mary R Robinson be dissolved meeting Closed with Prayer

Attest Ansel Tobes Clerk

50 Nov^r 27^th 1842 Clarra Esther Daughter of Dr J. H. Gray was Baptised

Dec^r 18 Mary C Bates was admitted to this Church by profession & Mrs Sanderson by Letter from the Church in Shutesbury

January 18^th 1843 Mrs Cowan was Admitted to this Church by Letter from the Church in West Village

Janu^y 25^th Voted to give Elnora F Walker a Letter of recommendation to the 4^th Church in Hartford Ct

March 3 Maria Fredrick was Admitted to this Church by Letter from the Church in Bolton

A Copy of Orsmel Walkers Complaint against William F Stone 51.

Orsmel Walker a member of the Church in Enfield Complains of William F Stone another member That he has broken Covenant with said Church by forsaking & neglecting its Ordinances entirely
That he has also renounced the faith of said Church by adopting the belief of the universal unconditional Salvation of all men
The Complainant also States that he & another Brother have dealt with the Offending brother according to the direction in the 18 Chapter of Matthew but without success.

Enfield March 14th 1843 Orsmel Walker

The above Complaint was presented at a meeting of the Church March 15th 1843 Whereupon the Church voted to entertain it & that the Brother Complained of be cited to appear & answer to it at a meting of the Church to be at the Hall March 22th 1843 at 2 O Clock P.M.

Israel Fobes Clerk

I hereby certify that I have this day left an Attested Copy of the within Complaint & the order of the Church thereon at the house of William F Stone

Enfield March 20th 1843 Israel Fobes Clerk

52. At a meeting of the Church March 22th 1843
the case of William & Stone was brought before the
Church but he not appearing it was adjourned one
week & he further notified to appear before them at
the adjourned meeting

Ansel Fobes Clerk

at the adjourned meeting of the Church March 29th 1843
the case of William & Stone was brought before the
Church but he not appearing they voted to send him
a Letter of admonition

Ansel Fobes Clerk

at a meeting of the Church April 12th 1843
the case of William & Stone was brought before the
Church but he did not appear or give any
evidence of Repentance they voted that the
Connexion between him & them be Dissolved

Ansel Fobes Clerk

at a meeting of the Church April 19th 1843
Voted to give Mrs Stacy formerly Rebeca Stone
a Letter of Recommendation & Dismissal to the
Church in Cabbotsville

Ansel Fobes Clerk

At a meeting of the Church May 31 th 1843
Voted to give Jeathius Walker & his Wife Letters of
Recommendation to the Church at ~~Clin~~ Chickopee falls

Amsel Fobes Clerk

June 25 th 1843 Susan Howard Daughter of Capt
Henry Fobes was Baptised

June 28 th the Church Voted to give Aaron Fobes &
his Wife a Letter of recommendation to the Church
in West Village

Amsel Fobes Clerk

June 30 th the Church Voted to give Miranda Croft
a Letter of Recommendation to the Tabernacle Church
in the City of Newyork

Amsel Fobes Clerk

July 2 Mrs Frances Howe Mary R Richards & Roxann
Topliff were Admitted to this Church by profession

Amsel Fobes Clerk

July 9 th 1843 Alexia Asphia & William Walter
Children of Mr William Snow & Mary Williams
Daughter of Mr Sheldon Warner were Baptised

54.

Copy of Samuel Dixons Complaint against Ebenezer B Hanks

Samuel Dixon a member of the Church in Enfield Complains of Ebenezer B Hanks another member That he has lived for a length of time in breach of Covenant by forsaking entirely the Communion of the Church

The Complainant also States that he has laboured with the offending brother repeatedly but without Effect & is therefore now constrained to bring the matter to the Church

Samuel Dixon

Enfield August 22th. 1843

At a meeting of the Church August 23th 1843 Voted to Sustain the above Complaint & that the offending Brother be Sited to to appear before the Church at an Adjourned meeting on the 30th Instant to answer to the within Complaint

Ansel Fobes Clerk

I hereby certify that I have this day given Ebenezer B Hanks an Attested Copy of the within Complaint & the Vote of the Church upon the Same at a legal meeting on the 23 Instant & notified him to meet the Church

at the Hall over the Center School house in Enfield on the 30th Instant at 2 of the Clock in the afternoon to answer to the within Complaint

Ansel Fobes Clerk

Enfield August 25th 1843

At a meeting of the Church August 28th 1843
Voted to give Henry C Bates a Letter of recommendation to the Presbyterian Church in Pontiac Michigan

The Subject of admitting members to this Church who do not belong to the Society was brought up for Discussion & postponed to the next meeting meeting adjourned to the 30th Instant at 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon

Ansel Fobes Clerk

At a meeting of the Church August 30th 1843
The Case of Ebenezer B Hawks was brought up he not appearing the Complainant proceeded to prove his Complaint which he did to the Satisfaction of the Church they Voted that he have a Letter of admonition meeting Closed by Prayer by Brother Dixon

Ansel Fobes Clerk

Sept^r 3^th 1843 The following named persons were admitted to this Church by profession Sis Sebastian C Cabot Nathaniel Train Lenda Train Calista C. Cabot Mary C Cabot Lydia Ann Bassett Sylvia Jane Hawes Reina Train Lucia Train by Letter Mrs William H Thayer from Bellingham

Ansel Fobes Clerk

At a meeting of the Church Sept^r 13^th 1843 the case of Ebenezer B Hanks was again brought up for further consideration & he not appearing before them nor taking any measures to bring about a reconciliation of the difficulties between them Voted that the Connexion between him & them be Dissolved

Ansel Fobes Clerk

At a meeting of the Church Sept^r 27^th 1843 Voted that Rev Robert M'Ewin Dea Timothy Brainard Ansel Fobes & Alvin Smith be a Committee to to examine persons who shall present themselves for admission to the Church for one year

Ansel Fobes Clerk

At a Meeting of the Church November 1st 1843 7.
Voted to give Mrs Whiton & Julia Ingram Letters of
Recommendation to the Church in West Stockbridge Village

Ansel Fobes Clerk

Copy of Samuel Dixon's Complaint against Ebenezer H Rockwood

Samuel Dixon a meniber of the Church in Enfield Complains of Ebenezer H Rockwood another member That he has Been guilty of falshood in having reported things against the Character of Mrs Adaline Mitchel & their Selemby dunying on passer that he had ever done so

The Complainant would also State that he has Visited the offending brother in private Charged him with the above offence & dealt with him accordingly that he has visited him a Second time with another Brother for the same purpose But as he only Denied the Charge without Satisfactorily removing it the Complainant feels that no other Course is left for him but to enter his Complaint as he now does proposing to Sustain it by proper testimony when the Church Shall appoint a hearing

Enfield Nov^r 24^th 1843 Samuel Dixon

At a meeting of the Church Nov^r 29^th 1843 Voted to Sustain the above Complaint & the offending Brother be Sited to appear before

the Church at an adjourned meeting on the Sixth day of Dec^r next at 2 of the Clock in the afternoon to answer to the within Complaint

Ansel Fobes Clerk

I hereby Certify that I have this day given Ebenezer H Rockwood an Attested Copy of the within Complaint & the Vote of the Church thereon upon the same at a legal meeting on the 29th of Nov^r 1843 & notified him to meet the Church at the Hall over the Center School house in Enfield on Wednesday the Sixth Instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon to answer to the within Complaint

Enfield Dec^r 2^d 1843

Ansel Fobes Clerk

Dec^r 6th 1843 The Church met at the Hall according to adjournment Meeting opened with Prayer by the Moderator E H Rockwood present the moderator read the Complaint & the Vote of the Church on the same at a legal meeting of the Church Nov^r 29th 1843 and the Certificate of the Clerk that he had legally notified the offending Brother the Complainant was then called upon to prove the Charge in the Complaint which after a number of objections being made by

60. Br Rockwood which were decided to be out of Order at the present time he was directed to proceed he then testified to the facts which had a bearing upon the Case under consideration he then called upon Dea Brainard & Br Hartford Hawes who both testified to the facts in the Case in hearing he then called upon Br Nathaniel Sanderson Br Rockwood objected to his Evidence being received because he was not a member of the Church and said they had no right to receive such testimony the Church Voted to receive it he then testified to what he knew about the Case in hearing Br Rockwood inquired if he had been Sworn was informed that he had not Said that he Should object to his testimony unless he were Sworn for what he had testified to was false The Church then voted to adjourn this meeting to thursday the 14th day of Decr Current at one of the Clock in the afternoon at this place

Enfield Decr 6th 1843

Ansel Fobes Clerk

At a meeting of the Church Novr 29th 1843
Brother Wyatt Borlow requested a Letter of Recommendation to a Methodist Church in the South part of Bellerstown meeting adjourned without taking the vote of the Church upon it
At an adjourned meeting Decr 13th 843 voted that the Church could not give Brother Borlow a Letter of Recommendation to a Methodist Church
Ansel Fobes Clerk

Decr 14th 1843 The Church met according to adjournment from the 6th Instant meeting Opened with Prayer by the Moderator Brother Dixon then Called Witnesses to prove the Charge which he had brought against Br. Rockwood Dea Brainard & Br Hartford Howes were again called upon to testify to what they knew of the Case in hearing Mr Nathaniel Sonderson, Barnabas Blair & Dr J. H. Gray were then called as witnesses not being members of the Church they were Solemnised & then gave in their testimony & after uniting in Prayer with Dea Smith the Church voted then to take the question whether the Complainant had proved the Charge which he had brought against Br Rockwood by yeas & Nays there Names were then Called & they all 24 in number Answered yea the Church then voted to admonish Br Rockwood of his Sin & to repent & make his peace with the Church & with his God

and that the further consideration of the Subject before them be postponed until the 20th Instant at 2 of the Clock in the afternoon to which time after uniting in Prayer with Br Wilson this meeting was adjourned

Enfield Dec. 14th 1843 Ansel Fobes Clerk

Dec. 20th 1843 The Church met according to adjournment from the 14th Instant & meeting Opened with Prayer by the Moderator Br Rockwood was asked if he had any further to communicate to the Church he said that he had not but if the Church believe the testimony which had been given in he did not See how they could do any differently from what they had done but said that he was not Guilty of the Charge The Church then voted that the further consideration of the Subject be postponed until the 2d Wednesday of January next & after Prayer by Bro Chandler the meeting was accordingly adjourned to that time

Enfield Dec. 20th 1843

Ansel Fobes Clerk

January 4th 1844 Walter Wright Son of Stephen & Joskyn was baptised

The following named persons were admitted to the Church January 7th 1844 Betsey Edgcomb by Letter from the Church in New London Ct
by profession Maria Babbitt — Eunice, Alden, Warren — Elvira Ann. Pepper — Elisabeth. Jane. Hacker — Louisa ann Brayber — Amelia Carey — Maria Frances. Cory
The four former were Baptised

January 10th 1844 The Church met according to adjournment from the 20th of December last the case of Dr Rockwood was then brought before the Church after Prayer by the Moderator Dr Rockwood was then asked if his feelings were any Different from what they were at the last meeting He said that they were not A Motion was then made & seconded that Dr Rockwood be Seperated from this Church by request of Dr Rockwood the Church voted that the question be taken by yeas & Nays there were thirty members present 23 answered yea & said they did not [hear] all the Evidence & were not prepared to vote it was then declared to be a vote to Separate Dr Rockwood from this Church the meeting was then adjourned

Ansel Gates Clerk

March 1st 1844 The Church voted to give Mrs Simonds formerly Anna E Sinkhorn a Letter of Recommendation to the Congregational Church in Athol

Ansel Fobes Clerk

March 3d 1844 Merret Bemis was baptised and admitted to this Church by Profession of his faith

Ansel Fobes Clerk

March 23th 1844 Anna Daughter of Josiah B Wood was baptised

At a meeting of the Church March 20th 1844
the following Communication was presented to the Church
and read

To the Church of Christ in Enfield

Dear Brethren

As Slavery is a great Sin against God & our fellow men
as well as ruinous to our Country & as it exists to
an alarming degree in our Southern Churches & whereas
a bond of Union & fellowship exists between all evangelical
Churches throughout our land we are therefore implicated
& guilty of the Sin in proportion to our Union & fellowship
& whereas we are directed by the word of God not to suffer
Sin upon our Brother but in order to rebuke him
& not be partakers of other mens Sins It has therefore
become our duty (& long since in the opinion of your
unworthy brother) to rebuke those brethren in the Spirit
of meekness & to hold no fellowship with them while
they continue the wicked practice

The above is humbly submitted to the Brethren for
their consideration by their unworthy Brother

Kingsley Underwood

Enfield March 13th 1844

A True Copy Attest Amos Tobes Clerk

At a Meeting of the Church March 27th 1844
The communication of Brother Underwood presented
at the last meeting was brought before the Church for
for their consideration Voted that a committee of three
be Chosen to report Resolutions to this Church at some
future meeting on the Subject of Slavery
Chose Rev Robert M.c Ewan Dea Alvin Smith & brother
Francis Wilson

Amsel Fobes Clerk

At a Meeting of the Church April 3d 1844
The Committee Chosen at the last meeting reported
the following Resolutions Viz
Resolved 1st That American Slavery is in principle
a System of Sin & injustice being directly at war
with the divine law of love to our Neighbour the
Spirit of the Gospel & the acknowledged rights of man
2d That the tendency of the System is grievously
immoral & Cruel involving especially among the
Slaves Population to vice Without restraint Disregard
of the Marriage tie exposure to barbarous treatment
violent Separation of families & almost every
influence to debase the mind & Character
3d That the System is directly opposed to the Spirit
of Benevolent enterprise keeping the mass of Slaves

in ignorance of letters preventing the indiscriminate
Circulation of the Scriptures & other religious reading
among them & uniting the agent or missionary who should
attempt it with opposition & persecution such as he
would not experience in most Pagan lands
4th That as a Church we feel bound to give our testimony
against a System like this to warn & entreat our brethren
& countrymen to forsake it to pray fervently & openly for
its overthrow & to neglect no suitable effort for its
immediate abolition
5th That we do not consent to such Ecclesiastical
fellowship with Slaveholders as will implify approbation
of the System or encourage its Continuance

The foregoing Resolutions were ~~passed~~ Voted by the
Church with only one dissenting Vote

Amos Tobes Clerk

April 21th 1844 Harriet Pierce Daughter of
Oliver Bryant was Baptised

May 5th 1844

The following named persons were Admitted to this Church by profession Austin Crosby Mary B Crosby Sarah Randell & Erastus Smith Joslyn the three last were baptised

Ansel Fobes Clerk

July 7th 1844

The following named persons were Admitted to this Church by Profession Lucy B Catling Caroline Thayer Betsey Hutchinson Jane E Clark by Letter from the Church in Leicester Roxana Dickinson

Ansel Fobes Clerk

August 30th 1844 The Church voted to give Ebenezer Doggett Jennet Doggett & Mary Doggett Letters of recommendation to the first Presbyterian Church in Jordon in the State of New York.

August 30th 1844 Ella Louisa Daughter of Aaron Woodruff & Mary Eliza Daughter of Lewis Daniels were Baptised

Sept^r 1^st 1844

Sarah Caroline Fisk Amos Hutchinson & Sanford B Collins were Admitted to this Church by profession the two former were Baptised

Ansel Fobes Clerk

Sept^r 8^th 1844 James Francis Son of M^r Babcock of Boston & Francis Luther Son of M^r Luther Chapin jn were Baptised

Ansel Fobes Clerk

1845 Caroline Eliza Thayer Daughter of M^r Reuben Thayer
Juliette Dwight Babbet Daughter of M^rs Marie Babbet
were Baptised

March 2 1845
Betsey T. Chickering & Julia A. Shaw were admitted to this Church by profession, Both were Baptised

Leonard Woods clerk

March 26-
At a Meeting of the Church, a Letter was read from Rev D. Waterman of Providence Stating that Charly T. Little & Wife formerly Members of this Church had taken Letters of Dismission & Recommendation but had neglected to use them; the Church voted To consider them dismissed from this Church on Condition of Them removing their Covenant with the 4th Congregational Church in Providence

L. Woods Clerk

Copy of Ezra Cary's Complaint against Merrel Bemis

Ezra Cary a member of this Church complains of Merrel Bemis another member That he has broken Covenant & denied the faith he once professed by denying the real Deity of Jesus Christ by denying the fact nessity or possibility of an infinite atonement & by denying the personality of the Holy Ghost Also that he has acted the part of a deciver having the impression on the Committee of the Church that he assented to the points he now denies & publikly assenting to these points by his profession when he now declares that he is unchanged & that his present views he has always entertained The Complainant presents these Charges after Communication had with the offending brother & expects to sustain them by proofs whenever the Church shall appoint a meeting

Ezra Cary

Enfield August 28th 1844

At a meeting of the Church on the above Dait Voted to Sustain the above Complaint & that the offending brother be Sited to appear before the Church at an adjourned meeting at the Hall over the Center School house in Enfield on Wednesday the 11th day of Sept.r next at two of the Clock in the afternoon to answer to the above Complaint

Ansell Tobey Clerk

Enfield August 28th 1824

I have this day Served the within Complaint by Sending an Attested Copy of the Same & the vote of the Church thereon to the offending brother & also notified him to appear at the time & place within named

Ansell Tobey Clerk

Enfield August 30th 1844

~~At an adjourned~~

At an adjourned meeting of the Church Sept.r 11th 1844 the Case of Harriet Bemis was brought up for Consideration he not being present & the Church not having heard any thing from him they Voted to defer the further Consideration of the Subject to the 25th Instant at 2 O'Clock P.M. at this place & that the Clerk

72 notify him by sending him another Attested Copy of the Complaint & the votes of the Church of the 28th of August & 10th of Sept upon that Subject the meeting was then adjourned to the 25th of Sept Instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon at this place

Ansel Fobes Clerk

I have this Day Sent Hezekiah Bemis an Attested Copy of the Complaint of Ezra Cory against him & the votes of the Church upon the Same & notified him to meet the Church at their adjourned meeting on the 26th Instant at two of the Clock in the afternoon

Ansel Fobes Clerk

Sept 13th 1844

Copy of Timothy Brainards Complaint against Elijah Lane

Timothy Brainard a member of the Church in Enfield Complains of Elijah Lane another member That he ~~has violated~~ is violating the Marriage Covenant & bringing Scandal upon the Christian name by living in Seperation from his Wife for reasons insufficient & unscriptural

The Complainant makes this Charge after the usual Steps in private & expects to make the truth of it appear when the Church Shall appoint a hearing

Enfield Sept. 17th 1844

Timothy Brainard

At a meeting of the Church Sept. 18th 1844 it was voted to entertain the above Complaint at the same meeting with the Consent of the parties the Church proceeded to a hearing of the Case after the hearing the Church voted that the Charge was proved & agreed to adjourn one week to give Bro. Lane opportunity for consideration & repentance Ansel Tobes was excused from serving any longer as Clerk & Ezra Carey was Chosen Clerk

74. At a meeting of the Church Sept^r 25^th 1844
The case of Hervet Bemis was brought up & the
Complainant proved the Charges that he had brought
against him to the Satisfaction of the Church they
then voted that he & Elijah Lane both of them
have a Letter of Admonition sent to them

At a meeting of the Church October 7^th 1844
the Complaints against Hervet Bemis & Elijah Lane
were brought up for the further action of the Church
but not having recived any Communications from
either of them the Cases were adjourned to the 16^th Instant
Ezra Cary was excused from Serving as Clerk &
Leonard Woods Chosen Clerk the meeting was then
adjourned to the 16^th Instant at 2 of the Clock in the
afternoon at this place

Oct^r 16^th 1844 The Church met according to
adjournment the Case of Hervet Bemis was again brought
up Ansel Fobes the former Clerk having recived a
Lengthy Communication from him which was read &
Stating his views & [illegible] & that he should not meet

the Church or make any other defence & that they might take their own course They then voted that the reasons which he had given were not satisfactory & that he be Seperated from their Communion The Case of Elijah Lowe was then brought up for the further action of the Church they not having heard any thing from him & he not appearing before them to make any defence or acknoledgement they voted that he be Seperated from their Communion they then voted that the Rev Robert McEwen & Deac Timothy Brainard Ansel Tobey & Alvin Smith be a Committee for one year to Examine all persons who may present themselves for admission to this Church

Oct 27th 1844 Ellen Wood Daughter of Mr Gray was Baptised

March 2 1845 Julia A Shaw & Betsy S. Chickering were admitted to this Church by Profession both were Baptised

Francis Elizabeth Haven Daughter of Mr John Haven was Baptised

76 1845

May Helen Francis Parish Infant Daughter of Mr Ariel Parish was Baptized

May. Charles Abbott Gilbert McKinney Nathan Rice Henry M. Potter Rhoda Bush & Mariah Randall were admitted to this Church by Profession & were Baptized also at the same time Olympia Catrill Sophia Pabitte Fidelia P. Pepper Cornelia P. McMaster & Elizabeth M. Walker who were Baptized in infancy — also Thomas S. Wright & Caroline A Wright by Letter —

July William Downing was Admitted to this Church by Profession & was Baptized

Sept Hannah A. Carpenter & Mrs A Thayer were rec'd to this Church by Profession both Baptized & Mrs Sally Colton by Letter

November

Sally Woods was admitted to this Church by Profession

November 12 the Church voted to give Elizabeth Gilbert a Letter of recommendation to the Church in Ware Village

December 17 At a meeting of the Church a Commit=tee was chosen to see the Brethren who did nothing for the support of the Gospel, & to converse with them on the subject & report to the Church at an adjourned Meeting

Dea Ansel Foley. Samuel Dixon & Ezra Cary. were Chosen a committee & Voted to adjourn this ~~Church~~ Meeting 2 Weeks at this Place.

December 31 at an adjourned Meeting of the Church, the committee reported that they had seen ^ 11 of the Brethren who did not pay for the Support=ort of the Gospel & had Conversation with them & it was proposed that the Subject be left with the Committee for further action

and that they report at a future Meeting
the Meeting was adjourned

1846
[redacted] Jan'y 14 Voted to give Louisiana
Bigbee a letter of Recomendation to the Church in
Salem. also Sarah C Fish (Wd. Blair) a letter
of recommendation to the Church in Butler
also Miss Nancy Daniels. (Wife Peebles) a letter
of recommendation to the Church in Mars
Village

Jan'y 17 the following persons were admitted to
the Church
Wm & Mrs. Stockwell by Letter
also by profession
Miss Melinda Richards & Wm Erskine
Collins Miss Richard was Baptized

Jan 21 at a Meeting of the Church Voted
that Rev Robert McEwen Dea Timothy Brainard & Andl
Tobin & Alvin Smith. Saml Dixon & Leonard Wood
be a Committee to Examine all Persons who may
present themselves for admission to this Church

April 1 Voted to give Nathan Rice a Letter of dismission & recommendation to the Church in Grafton
Also Mrs Roxanna Dickinson (Mrs Eldridge) a letter of dismission & recommendation to the Church in Ashfield. Also Wm & Mrs Stockwell
Samuel Hagar

May The following were admitted to the Church by Letter Mrs Clarissa Smith & Mrs Emily Northam
by Profession Eliza Wilson
Martha Abbott
Geo. Shaw
Amy Ann Shaw
Farland Bemis

July The following Persons were admitted to the Church by Letter Mrs Clarissa Belcher
Silas D Cook
by profession Catharine Wilson
Samuel Smith

by profession Fidelia S. Howe
Lydia P Sanderson

Oct 4 Charlotte Sam & Elizabeth Warren Children of Mr Sheldon Warren were Baptized at the same time Letters of D. & R. to a church to be formed at Springfield were voted to Elephas Dorr & wife

At a meeting of the Church October 1846
Ordered that Louisa Blackmer Abiel K.
Blackmer Benj. Hutchinson Jr. Wm Kendall (wife
of Saml Kendall) & Hiram Snow be visited on
the Subject of removing their Church rela-
tions

Dea Smith
Dea Brainard
Wm Moore } Committee
Wm Bryant

Octo Thomas Sherman
Samuel Leonard
Amos Abner
Sarah Elizabeth
Ann Jane } Children of Amos
Hutchinson were Baptized

At a meeting of the Church Nov 11 voted
that the Committee chosen Dec 14 1845 to see & converse
with the Brethren who do nothing for the support
of the Gospel, be discharged from any further
duties on that subject,
at the same meeting, Voted that a Committee of
three be chosen to proceed in a course of
discipline with Bro Wyatt Barlow Amos Hutch-
inson & Amory Fisk

Bro Francis Wilson
" Henry Foby } Committee
" Hosea Hosier

Dan'l 1847 Mrs Harriet Crosby was
rec'd to this Church by Letter & Isabella
Smith by Profession

1847 Jan 7 At the annual Meeting of Church for the choice of Officers

Chose Rev. Robt. McEwen
Dea L. Bainard
Dea Foley
Dea Smith
Leonard Wood and
Ella Cary a Committee to Examine all persons who may present themselves for admission to the Church

Sabbath Feb 14 Voted to give Mrs Tucker (formerly Almira Wood) a letter of dismission & recommendation to the North Church in Springfield

May. Miss Maria & Miss Emma Winslow were Rec'd to the Church by Letter

Robert McEwen Infant Son of Wm & Mrs D. B. Wood. Ella Caroline Infant Daughter of Doct. Wright & Charles Henry Infant Son of Mr & Mrs Henry Belcher were Baptized

1847
May 14 At a meeting of the Church a letter was rec'd from Mrs Mary R. Rickard Requesting a letter of dismission from this Church, & Recommendation to the Methodist Episcopal Church in this Town.

The Church voted Unanimously to grant her request

At the same time a Complaint was brought by Nasca Hooker against Wyatt Barlow of which the following is a Copy

Copy of Hosea Hooker Complaint against Wyatt Barlow

Hosea Hooker a Member of the Congregational Church in Enfield Complains of Wyatt Barlow one of the Brethren

That he has violated his Covenant to walk with this Church in the fellowship & ordinances of the Gospel by refusing to unite with them in the support of the Gospel & its institutions

And the Complainant further States that he has dealt with the offending Brother Privately & [illegible] in Company with one of the Brethren, but without effect to turn him from the Error of his way

Enfield July 14 1847 Attest Hosea Hooker

The Complaint of which the above is a Copy was presented in Church Meeting July 14 1847 & thereupon the Church voted to Entertain it & Ordered a Copy of Same on the Brother complained of & adjourned three Weeks that he might appear at the adjourned Meeting & Answer to the Complaint

Leonard Wood Clerk

I have this day given Wyatt Barlow an attested Copy of the foregoing Complaint & the vote of the Church on the Same, & Notified him to Meet the Church on Wednesday 3 Week from July 14 1847. at 2 O'clock P.M. & answer to the above Complaint

Enfield July 24. 1847. Leonard Wood, Clerk

Walter Ransolear Son of Mr & Mrs Benj Gardner; Edward & George Webb Sons of Mr & Mrs Lewis Pope & Harriet Elma Daughter of Mr & Mrs Samuel Dixon were Baptized August 1, 1847

At an adjourned Meeting of the Church August 4 th 1847 the case of Wyatt Barlow was brought up for consideration he not being present the Church voted to adjourn One Week & Notify him & Enquire why he Neglected to answer the Call of the Church

L Wood Clerk

Augt 6 1847 I have this day called on Mr Wyatt Barlow & Notified him of the adjourned Meeting of the Church & Enquired why he Neglected the Call of the Church

L Wood clerk

86. Aug. 11 At an adjourned Meeting of the Church the Case of Wyatt Barlow was brot up for Consideration, He not being present, the Church voted that the Charges against him had been Sustained & that he be admonished & the Meeting be adjourned 2 Weeks

Leonard Wood, Clerk

Aug. 25 At an adjourned Meeting of the Church the case of Wyatt Barlow was brought up for final adjustment (Mr Barlow was not present) the Pastor Stated that agreeable to a vote of the Church He had ~~admonished~~ given Mr Barlow a letter of admonition

It was then voted that Wyatt Barlow be Seperated from the Church, & that the Pastor ~~Make~~ Notify Mr Barlow of the vote of the Church, & likewise give publick notice from the Desk of the doings of the Church

The Meeting was then adjourned

Leonard Wood
Clerk

Daniel Powers & Harriett Elizabeth Children
of Daniel. & Minerva Ford were Baptized

Nov 7 Frederic Walker was rec'd to this Church
by profession. Same day Francis L. Smith
was rec'd into the Church by profession
in his Sick Chamber -

January 2d 1848 Mr D. B. Gillet was
rec'd to this Church by Letter at the same
time Mrs Harriet N. Leeland & Calvin N.
Kimball were admitted by profession & Bapt.
were Baptized

March Mrs Sarah Morse & Mrs Marietta
Patten were rec'd to the Church by Letter. Also
at the same time Mrs Eunice White Fletcher
Mr Daniel Butler Eleazer Demon Charles
Ford Foby. Mrs Charlotte Gillet Susan
N. Wood & Mary Jane Rask were rec'd
by profession, Mrs Fletcher Mr Butler E Demon
& Chas Foby were Baptized

April 9 1848 Eugene Walter. James Henry. Cyrus.
& Samuel Perkins Children of Mr & Mrs James
Leeland, George Whitefield Son of Mr & Mrs
George Shaw, Benjn Harrison Son of Mr & Mrs
Benjn Ward, & Daniel Bates Son of Mr
& Mrs Daniel B Gillet. were Baptized

May 1848 Mrs Hannah Kendrick
Martha E Allen, Mary A McMaster.
Bertha A Ris Amanda M Woods
Elisa Ann Moore
Epaphras Clark, Silas Boynton, Alvin Randall
Rufus D Woods Bernard Ris & Dwight L.
Manly were admitted to the Church by
profession. at the same time Loring
L. Boynton Son of Mr & Mrs Silas
Boynton & Isabella Wilhelmina Daughter
of Mr & Mrs Ris were Baptized

July 2d 1848
Ideal Kendrick
Edmund Dewing
James Fletcher
Daniel Ford
*Luther Chapin Jr
*Solon S. Pope
*Rufus Church, Mrs
Andrus Rupele
*Daniel Tucker
*Elias Randall
*Abel Billings

*Chas. W. Nancy
William C. Dimon
*Edmund Dewing
*Isaac Powers Cowan
Nancy W Smith
Alvin N. Clark
Simeon T. Thompson
Patty Randall
Betsey Dewing
*Bethiah Arnold
*Mercy Tinkham
*Mary Tucker
*Angelina Pope

*Sarah Billings
*Mary A. Church
Nancy B. Mullen
*Nancy Dimon
Eliza Balson
*Harriet N. Stone
*Mary L. Prior
*Cynthia M. Abbott
Marian J. Baker
*Lydia A. Crosby
Hadassah Hawley

Were rec'd to the Church by Profession
* Were Baptized

July 16 1848 Chas G Sheldon Infant Son of Mr & Mrs Sheldon Warren was Baptized

July 30 Alfred Charles Mary Jane & Eliza Ann Children of Mr & Mrs Daniel Puckett were Baptized

Sep 3 Joseph L Winslow
Melinda Russell
Nathaniel Saunderson
Ira Bulkley Wright
* Rebecca C. Crosby
Elizabeth S. Trask
* Sarah Jane Randall
were admitted to the Church the 2 first by Letter the five Last by profession
* were Baptized

Nov Jane E. Cutler & Martha Underwood were admitted to the Church by Profession

1849 Jany Elizabeth Baptist & Alis Lamson were admitted to the Church by Profession

1849
Jan 7/17 At a meeting of the Church it being the annual meeting for the choice of Officers

Choose Res[d] Robt McEwen
" Jno[s] Barnard
" Ansel Foley
" Albin Smith
" David F. Rasle
" Lewis Daniels
" Leonard Wood a Committee to Examine all Persons who may present themselves for admission to the Church

1849
Aug 5 Charles Rufus Infant Son of Colo Daniel & Mrs Minerva Ford was Baptized

Dec Arthur I Northam Infant Son of Mr & Mrs Benj Ward was Baptized

Dec 30 voted to give Mr James Fletcher & wife a Letter of dismission & Recommendation to the Church in Leominster

1850
Jany 6 Voted to give Mr Elem Train & wife a Letter of dismission & Recommendation to the Church in Ware Village

Voted to give Elizabeth allen a letter of dismission & Recommendation to the church in Westfield

Reuben Lewis Thayer Infant Son of Mr Reuben Thayer
Fayett Clinton Walker Inf and Son of Mr Oromel Walker
Fredrick Harrison Warren Infant Son of Mr Sheldon Warren
Ellen Amanda Sprout Infant daughter of Mr Sprout
Were Baptized

1850 Nov. Louisa D. Sherman was admitted to the Church by Letter
Martha Amelia Swan &
Margaret Jones Sherman by Profession
the last named was Baptized
Voted to give Eliza Bullson a letter of
dismission & Recommendation to Church in Alb

1851 Jany. At a Church Meeting it being the annual Meeting for the Choice of Officers
Chose Rev. Robt McEwen
Dea Timothy Barnard
" Ansel Foley
" Alvin Smith
Daniel F Nash
Levi Daniels
Henry Foley
to Examine Leonard Woods a Committee
all persons who may present themselves for
admission to the Church

March 2 Rufus Woods. Infant son of Mr Daniel. B. & Mrs. Gillet Also Amanda Infant daughter of Rufus & Isabella Woods were Baptized Miss Mary Shearman was rec^d to this Church by Letter from the first Church in Ware

May 4th Mrs Sophia Jaskin was rec^d to this Church by Letter from the Church in ~~Ware~~ Northbraintree

July 6 Hiram. L. Howard John. R. Chute & Martha E. Montgomery were admitted to to the Church by Profession Mr Howard was Baptized same day. Charly Edward. Harvey. Thomas. George Packard. & Rufus. Augustus Children of Mr & Mrs Edward Cary were Baptized

Amanda Pomroy. infant daughter of Mr & Mrs. Rufus Church. Ella. Maria. infant daughter of Mr Mrs John Brainard & Mary Charlina infant daughter of Mr & Mrs Preston Winslow were Baptized

October 29 voted to give Bro Hiram L. Howard a letter of dismission & recommendation to the Church in Yale College

Nov 2d 1851 Edmund Miller & Mrs Sarah Willson were admitted to the Church by Profession Mrs Wilson was Baptized

November 9th voted to give John R Chute a Letter of dismission & Recommendation to the Park Street Church Boston. Anna maria Bryant Daughter of Bro & Mrs Sheldon Warner was Baptized

1852

January 4th Isaac Packard & Sila Packard his wife and Julia Emma Pope were admitted to this Church by profession Bro Packard & Miss Pope were Baptized —

Jan 7 at the Church Meeting it being the annual Meeting for the choice of officers Chose Bro Robt McEwen Scr Brainard A. Foley A. Smith E Carey John A. Chase S. Harvey L. Chapin a Committee to Examine Persons who may present themselves for admission

to the Church
March 21 Mary Emeline Infant Daughter
of Mr & Mrs Sproat was Baptized

1852
May 2. Mrs Charles Hanes & Mrs Mary S Miller
were admitted to the Church by Letter —

May 9 Arthur Clayton Infant Son of Mr & Mrs
Charles Hanes was Baptized

June 6 Susan Emily & James Munson
Children of Mr & Mrs Isaac Packard were Baptized
also Caroline Elizabeth Infant Daughter of Mr & Mrs
William Desmond were Baptized.

Easter. S. Jarbin & Wife were dismissed
from this Church & Recommended to
in Oregon by Letter.
July 4 Mrs Lydia Potter Elizabeth Montgomery
Dorothea Hoppe Fredrick A Abbott
Mary. I Sec. Hon. Abbott Lavina
Hunter & Mary Eliza Gardner were admitted
to the Church by Profession — Mrs Potter
& Mr & Mrs Abbott were Baptized

1852 September 5th Selina Hawes. Elizabeth C. Lane. Geo. Royal Dickinson Sarah. Emeline Dickinson Alison H. Norcutt. Bradford Esra Sproat Carolin Matilda Woods & Sarah Elizabeth Chapin were admitted to the Church by Profession. Mr. Hawes. Mr. & Mrs Dickinson & Mr. Sproat were Baptised

November 7 Edward Smith Eliza Smith & Emly B Smith were admitted to the Church by Letter. Isaac N. Hanks Hannah H. Hanks Charlotte S. M. Colburn. Nellie M. Woods & Jane F. Swan by Profession Mr. Hanks Miss Colburn & Miss Swan were Baptised

Nov 24 at a Church Meeting voted to give Mrs Hosea Hooker a Letter of dismission from this Church & Recommendation to the Church in Ansonia Con!

1853 March 6 Mrs Mercy Bacon was admitted to to the Church by profession

Apr. 24 Mr Andrew Rumble & wife & Mrs Eliza Kimball Rec'd Letters of Dismission from this Church & Recommendation to the 2d Church in Naugatuck

1853 Augt Mrs Abigail Stow (formerly Shaw) rec'd a Letter of dismission & Recommendation to the Church in Auburn

Augt 17 At a Church Meeting voted to choose two Deacons. Lewis Daniels & Henry Tobey were chosen

Sept 4th Horatio Brown & Emily Brown were rec'd to the Church by Letter & Harriet E Bennett by Profession —

Theron Williams & Emma Eliza — Vesta Henrietta Children of Isaac W Hawks were Baptised

1853
Voted to give a letter to Mary J Isaac Stow a letter of dismission from the Church & Recommendation to the Congregational Church in Salem

November 6th Rufus Blackmer was admitted to the Church by Profession being in very feeble Health he was rec'd into the Church at his House. at the same time his two Children were Baptised Mary Jane & Sabra Pratt

Jan'y 1 1854

Mrs Lucy Ayer was rec'd to this Church by Letter from the Church in Prescott also Mrs Mrs Downing by Letter from the Church in Granby

100. 1854

Jany 11 at the Annual Church Meeting the Church Appointed Rev W McEwen Deacons Brainard Smith, Daniels, & Foley together with Wm Mason Selon S. Pope & Silas Boynton their Committee to Examine persons for admission to the Church

March 5th Calvin A. Kimball & Mrs Sarah Kimball his Wife were admitted to the Church by Letter Mrs Susan Chapin was admitted by Profession

June Mary Eliza Keith Rec'd Letter of dismission from this Church & Recommendation to the Church in Somers Ct

June 18 Emma Eliza Infant daughter of Mr & Mrs George Kimball was Baptized

July 2 Voted to give Mr William Downing & Wife a Letter of dismission from this Church & Recommendation to the Church in Victor N.Y.

Sept 24 Annie Elizabeth Infant Daughter of Mr & Mrs Spencer was Baptized

Nov 26 the Church voted to give Mrs Sara Maynard a Letter of dismission from this Church & Recommendation to the Congregational Church in Waldron N York

1855 January 19th

At the annual Church Meeting the Church appointed Dea Brainard Dea Daniels Dea Foley, C. B. Collins Sheldon Wason John A. Chase Ezra Cary & Edward Smith with the Rev Robert McEwen a Committee to examine persons for admission to the Church

Copy of Lewis Daniels Complaint against Clark Stone

Lewis Daniels of the Congregational Church in this place Complains of Clark Stone a Member of it also

That he has leased ground for the purpose of a Race Course & has suffered one to be Established on his premises, & that this Contrary to the obligations of the Christian Covenant, he is sustaining to the Extent of his own influence an Establishment whose tendency, & actual operation, is Evil & Only Evil to the public Morals, while it is a Scandal also in his person, to the Christian profession, to the Church, & to the Cause of Religion generally

(Over)

The Complainant informs the Church also that Mr Stone has done this Contrary to the advice & Entreaty used with him before ground was broke for the new Course

The Complainant further States that in three Seural instances has the offending Brother been dealt with privately for his offences & this too at many considerable intervals of time, & that after all these Efforts had failed to induce to remove the Evil from his presence, a fortnight was given him to do so if he would but that he has failed to do it, & now refuses entirely to do his duty in the Matter.

When for the Complainant as above offers his Complaint against the Brother to the Church

Lewis Daniels

Enfield January 31 1855

The Complaint of which the above is a Copy was presented in Church Meeting Jan'y 31 1855 & hereupon the Church voted to Entertain it Brother Clark Stone being present Voted to adjourn this Meeting one week that he may have opportunity to answer to the Complaint

Leonard Woods Cl

1855
Feby 7th The Church met according to adjournment
Mr Stone being present, the Complaint was again
brought before the Church, Mr Stone requested that
there might be a delay of two or three weeks
for Consideration & Reflection, the Church voted
to adjourn this Meeting Two weeks —

Leonard Wood Clk

Feby 11 The Church voted to give Bro Alvin
Smith & Wife a Letter dismission & Recommendation
to the Shawmut Church in Boston —

Feby 21 Mr Roswell Underwood having been dealt
with privately for drinking to excess & for boisterous
Profanity on several occasions, at last wished to
Confess to the Church which he undertook to
do at two successive Meetings, but at the last
Meeting the Church not being satisfied with
his appearance Voted that for the present
he be suspended from the [redacted] Communion

Bro Stone not being present the Church
Voted to adjourn the Consideration of his case
until Friday 23d March 2

Leonard Wood, Clerk

1855

March 2 The Church Met agreeable to adjournment - Mr Stone was heard in the Complaint & it was voted that he was guilty of the Charge in the Complaint in not being willing to remove from his premises an Establishment immoral in its tendency & Scandalous to the Christian Profession.

Voted also to adjourn further action in the case two weeks & raise a Committee to labour the mean while with Mr Stone to bring him to Repentance if possible

Esra Carey Leonard Wood & Edward Smith were appointed such Committee & the Meeting adjourned

1855

March 4th George L. Johnson was admitted to the Church by profession

March 7 The Church voted to give Miss Isaac Hawks a Letter of dismission & Recommendation to any Congregational or Presbytterian Church

March 14 the Church Met agreable to adjournment

the Committe appointed to Labour with Mr Stone, Report that they have attended to the duty assigned them without Succes He still refusing to take the Necessary Steps for having the Establishment complained of Removed. after much deliberation it was Voted Unanimously that Mr Clark Stone be Seperated from the Communion of the Church

Leonard Wood Clerk

Apl 18 Voted to give Mrs Margaret Shannon a Letter of dismission & Recommendation to the Church in Marion. Alabama

May 6th Elizabeth E Wood was rec'd to the Church by Profession

July . Mr. Elijah Lane was rec'd to the Church by Profession

Sept 2d Mrs Barlow was admitted to the Church by Letter from the Church in Ward 2 Parish

1853 Sept 30 Julia Marcia Infant Daughter of S. R. & Emeline Dickinson was Baptized

Oct 7 Theodore Son of Mr James & Harriet Leland was Baptized

Nov 2. 1853 Roswell Underwood a Brother of this Church some months since was left to commit certain acts unworthy of the Christian Spirit & Name & for these acts the Church deemed it best that he should withhold himself from Communion on the Ordinance of the Lord Supper — Now he Appeared today in the Meeting preparatory to the approaching season of Communion & Made such Confession as was by the unanimous vote of the Church Received as Satisfactory — & he was restored to the Confidence & Fellowship of the Church a copy of ~~in full~~ the Confession is on the file of the Church

1855
November 4th
John Lesson Barton
Edward Salisbury Blodgett
Alfred Eugene Manly
Ellen Amelia Cary
Abby Sophia Wilson
Sarah Dickinson Blodgett were rec'd to the Church by Profession

1856
January 8 At the annual Meeting the Church appointed Dea Brainard Dea Daniels Dea Foley Leonard Wood Ezra Cary Edw'd Smith Luther Chapin & William G. Moore with the Rev'd Mr McEwen their Committee to Examine persons for admission to the Church

Jan'y 20 Brigham Dexter Sprout Lyman Dexter Potter Sarah A. Sprout Lucretia Cary Abby L. Pope. Anna Maria Hawes. Henrietta Bacon were rec'd to the Church by Profession all Except Mrs Sprout & Abby L Pope were Baptized

1856

March 2 Elisa Kimball was rec'd to the Church by Letter from the 2d Church in Holyoke Also Jonas Merriam & Irene Southwick were admitted to the Church by Profession both were Baptized

Sept Nancy Rowland & Olivia Jane Rowland were admitted to the Church by profession the last named was Baptized

November 2 Samuel Sharman was admitted to the Church by profession he was Baptized

1857

Jan'y Mr Andrew Russell & Wife were admitted to this Church by Letter from the 2d Congregational church in Holyoke

Mrs Clara Belcher rec'd a Letter of dismission from this Church & Recommendation to the Church in Battle Creek Michigan

1857 Jan'y 14 At the annual Meting of the Church
Rev Robert McEwen John Chase
Dea Jno Brainard Saml Kimball
" Lewis Daniels Wm G Moore
" Nemy Foley Sheldon Warner
were Chosen a Committee to Examine Persons
for admission to the Church

March 1 Jonas Warren & Mrs Maria
Ward were admitted to the Church. the
former by Profession & the latter by Letter
from the Congregational Church in Chicago

March 18th Mrs Sarah Porter (formerly Sarah
Randall) rec'd Letter of dismission from
this Church & Recommendation to the Church
in Hatfield

May 10 Miss Elona Maria Ayres was admitted to
the Church by Profession was Baptized

May 24 Martin Ford, & Theodore
Children of Mr & Mrs Sheldon Warner
were Baptized

110 1857

June 5 At a meeting of the Church John A. Chase was chosen Deacon in the place of Bro Timothy Brainard who had Removed from town

July 5 Hannah B. Cutting was rec'd to the Church by Letter from the Church in Southbridge
Semanthe Thompson 3d from 2d Church Holyoke
Lucinda A Thompson 3d
Lucinda M. Hutchinson
Susan M. Hawks "
Miranda C Dimond were rec'd by Profession
Mrs Hutchinson & Miss Hawks were Baptized

1858
January 3d Nancy M. Daniels & Susan M. Daniels from the Church in New Braintree & Adeline C. Whittle from the Church in Shutesbury, were rec'd to this Church by Letter

June Evelina Cook. Sodica Crosby & Mary E. Keith were rec'd on Profession of their Faith, Mrs Cook & Mrs Crosby were Baptized

Jan. 20 1858

At the Annual Meeting of the Church Rev. R McEwen

Dea Lewis Daniels — Wm. G. Moore
Dea Wm Tobey — Reuben Thayer
" John Chase — S S Pope
Rufus D Wood

Were Chosen a Committee to Examine Persons for admission to the Church

Feb. 7 Voted to give Louisa Allen (formerly Miss Louisa Shearman) a Letter of dismission from this Church & Recommendation to the Church in Belchertown

March 7 Wm. G. Hutchinson was rec'd to this Church by Letter from the West Church in Bos. Eliza E. Haws, Mary E. Daniels & Sarah I. Johnson were rec'd by Profession the last named was Baptized

April 4th Mr Jesse Tinkham & Wife rec'd Letters of dismission from this Church & Recommendation to the Church in Athol also

Wm A. H. Norcut rec'd a Letter of dismission from this Church & Recommendation to a Church in Kewanee Illinois

1858 April 21 Mrs Julia Hamilton formerly Miss Julia Shaw rec'd a Letter from this Church & Recommendation to the Congregational Church in Chicopee

April 22 Charles Crosby infant Son of Bro & Mrs John Hunt was Baptized

May 2 the following Persons were admitted to the Church
By Letter from the Church in Granby Mrs Eliza S. Chamberlain
from Greenwich Mrs Eliza Warren
By Profession of Faith Sanford E. Chamberlain
Sophia D. W. Stoddard *Sarah W. Chickering
*Sarah Jane Arnold Charlotte I. Smith &
*Fidelia Bacon
* were Baptized

May 27 Voted to give Mrs Richard Gardner a Letter of dismission & Recommendation to the Church in Ware Village

Mrs Caleb Wilson (Esther Stone) rec'd a Letter of dismission & Recommendation to the Church in Prescott
Also Miss Mary Wilson to the Church in Spencer

1858 June 6 ~~George Luther infant Son of Rev & Mrs Lyman Potter~~
Charles Franklin infant Son of Mr & Mrs Lyman Potter & George Luther Cook Son of Widow Jane Evelina Cook were Baptized

Mrs Buckley Wright (formerly Elizabeth S. Nash) rec'd a Letter of dismission & Recomendation to the Congregational Church at South Hadley Falls

Mr & Mrs John C Nind rec'd Letter of dismission & Recomendation to the Church in Buckland

July 2d Jonas W. Merriam (having been suspended from Church privileges since July 1856) was restored on Confession
July 4th Mrs Nepisbah B. Randall from the Church in Prescott was rec'd by Letter
Mrs Minerva Wells from the Church in Belchertown North
Mrs Lucantia M Merriam from the Church in So Amherst were rec'd by Letter & Augustus Smith Sarah Smith Augustus Moody & Lois Moody
George E. Kimball united with the Church on Profession of their faith Mr Kimball was Baptized

July 1858 Anna. Louisa Child of Edmund Willis was Baptized

Augt 1 William Henry infant Son of William Downing was Baptized

Sept 5 Mrs Dolly N. Allen & Caroline P. Allen were rec'd by Letter from Church in Athol

Loring Baynton Edward P. Randall. Geo. P Walker Mary N. Warren Charlotte L Warren Elizabeth W Warren Eliza M Smith Ella * Francis Goss. Robert M. Woods * Joseph Lyman Root * Charles Elliot Harwood * Susan Hanks * Charles Ross were rec'd by Profession * were Baptized

October

Eugene Augustus
Mary Lucy
Hortense Adelaide Children of Augustus & Nettie were Baptized

Calvin Kimball & Wife rec'd Letter of dismission & Recommendation to Church Manvilla

Hellen M. Whitney (Hellen M Woods) rec'd Letter of dismission & Recommendation to the Church in Athol

1858

Nov Philander Thruston & Nancy E. Brown were rec'd by the Church on Profession of their Faith the former was Baptized

Jan'y 1859 at the annual Meeting of the Church the following were chosen a Committee to Examine Persons for admission to the Church

Rev Robt McEwen
Dea Lewis Daniels
" Henry Foley
" John Chace
Daniel S. Frank
~~Chas~~ Abbott
Sheldon Warren

Josephine Maria infant daughter of Bro & Sis Samson Thompson was Baptized

Feby 27 The Church voted a Letter of dismission to Miss Emily Northam & Recommendation to the Church in Hebron Con't

May 19 Edward Clark Potter Son of Nathan Potter was Baptized

1859 June 16 the Church Voted Letters of dismission to Mrs Adeline Whittet & Recommendation to the Church in Monson. & Mrs Anna M. Rice to the Church in Cambridge Ill.

July 3 Mrs Persis L Gillett was rec'd to the Church by Letter from the 2d Church in Ware Reuben L. Thayer was rec'd by Profession

July 10 Willie Ephraim
Arthur Hazard
Susie Frances
Juliette Virginia
Children of William Richard ~~Hopkins~~
Also Alice Evans daughter of Sheldon Warner were Baptized

Nov 6. I. P. Webster & Diana H. Webster were rec'd to the Church by Letter from the Baptist Church in Belchertown
Also Sarah Elizabeth Aldrich by Profession

1860

Jany 11 At the Annual Meeting
of the Church
Rec'd Robt McEwen
Dea Lewis Daniels
" Henry Fobes
" J. Chase
Bro Carey Sheldon Brown Wm G. Moore
& Bro Kimball were Chosen a
Committee to Examine Persons for admittance
to the Church

Leonard Woods Sec'y

Mr L. B. Griswold Mrs Ann Miss
Lydia Ann & Lucy Jane Griswold were
rec'd By Letter to this Church March 4th 1860

March 4th William Bradford Infant Son
of Mr Bradford Sprout was Baptized

April 11 Susanna Thompson & Wife rec'd a Letter
of dismission from this Church & Recommended
to the Congregational Church in Lawrence

1860

May 6 Sis Ellen L. Richard was Rec'd to this Church by Letter from the Church in Rahway New Jersey

1860

Octo 4 Susan Ellen Infant Daughter of Dr Joseph Winslow was Baptized

Dec 12

Edmund Miller a Member of this Church having fallen again into habits of intoxication & having for a time been labored with without any Effectual recovery from this Sin, he is Now by desire of his own & by vote of the Church Suspended from regular Christian Standing for three Months, & that for the honour of the gospel & in hope that by the grace of God the Erring Brother may repent of his Sin & Escape the dominion of his lust

The above is a minute of action in the Prayer Meeting of the Church Wednesday P.M. Dec 12th 1860

1860

Dec 16 Mrs Mary B. Woods & Mr Calvin Kimball & wife were rec'd to this Church The former by letter from the Pearl Street Hartford & the latter by letter from the East Congregational Church in Bristol

1861 Jany 9. The annual meeting of the Church & Officers was held this afternoon.

Leonard Woods was, at his own request Excused from longer Service as Clerk of the Church and Rufus D. Woods was Elected Clerk in his Stead.

The following were chosen a Committee to Examine Candidates for admission to the Church

Rev D. McEwen Pastor
Deac L. Daniels
" H. Fobes
" J. A. Chase
Daniel Rask
Leonard Woods
S. B. Collins
R. Thayer.

Rufus D. Woods Clerk

120 1840 Nov 15th
Dismissed
Chase & his Wife } To the Chh in Amherst West Par.
George Augustus Chase . . . Amherst Coll.

1841. April 27th Geo W. Waters & } Gorham
his wife Sarah } Maine

" May 7th Catharine Brown } From the
Mary Brown } Vermont
Prudence H. }

" Aug 7th Ebner W. Town his wife &
Celia Hawks - To Chh in Richmond
" 22d Mrs. Caroline A. Rankin to Bowdoin St
Church in Boston Mass.

1840. Received.

Dec. 9th

Deacon Josiah C Chandler } From the Ch. in Prescott.

Mrs Clarissa Jocelyn } From the Ch. in South Hadley

May 1st Tab. Miranda M. Eastman Dau.
Cordis E. Mirick } Professors
Lucretia McKinney } From Ch.
Members

Mrs Nelson was received into the Church
and July 13. admitted March 5th
by Baptism
Julia J. Mary Sarah A Lane and
Matt C Lane ~~Lane~~ were
admitted by profession
Son and daughter of Br Lane Baptized
also Mrs Lane

Infant Baptisms

1839. Time	Names	Parents
July 28	Edwin Richards	Elvira Bryant & Susan
Aug	Ebenezer Warner	Dea Fanny
	Phidelia Ann	Wid. Elwell
	Alvan Nash	
	William Parker	
1841. Feb 7	Pt. Louisa Malvina	Hervey
	Lucia Maria	
	Edwin	

Dish

Porter

Record of Baptisms — Whiton

1840. Sept. 5.

Mary Elizabeth daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Keith —

Sept 7. Josiah Bridges Son of Aaron Woods jun & his wife

" Elizabeth Henshaw " Josiah B. Woods & his wife

1869 Dis

Chs Sandmeyer
Thos Mrs Mary Thornton
" & L Gaylord
" Underwood (Rev)
" John Field
Miss Eliza McClung [illegible] 1.10
Mrs Riddock " 1.1
Mrs Miss Winslows " 1.1+
John M Pearl [illegible] " 1.9
Susan H Barlow " 1.9
Edwards P Walker " 1.0
Richard Hart (Mary) " 1.1
J. Walker [illegible] " 1.8
C Foster [illegible] " 1.8
Miranda Crafts " 1.8
Mary E Foster " 1.8
Julia McClung " 1.7
Julia [illegible] " 1.
2 daughters " 6.8
Chs J [illegible] " 6.9
Elizabeth Gilbert " 1.7
L Bugbee " 1.7
Sarah E Poole " 1.7
Nancy Daniels " 1.7

144. Enfield Mass. Jan'y 16th 1839.

Married This day Mr. Orel Packard of Pelham to Miss Eliza Packard of Enfield

= John Whiton

1839. July 9th Married Mr. Jedediah Torrence Jun. to Miss Emma Bartlett both of Enfield

Attest John Whiton

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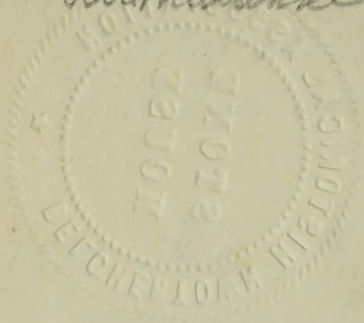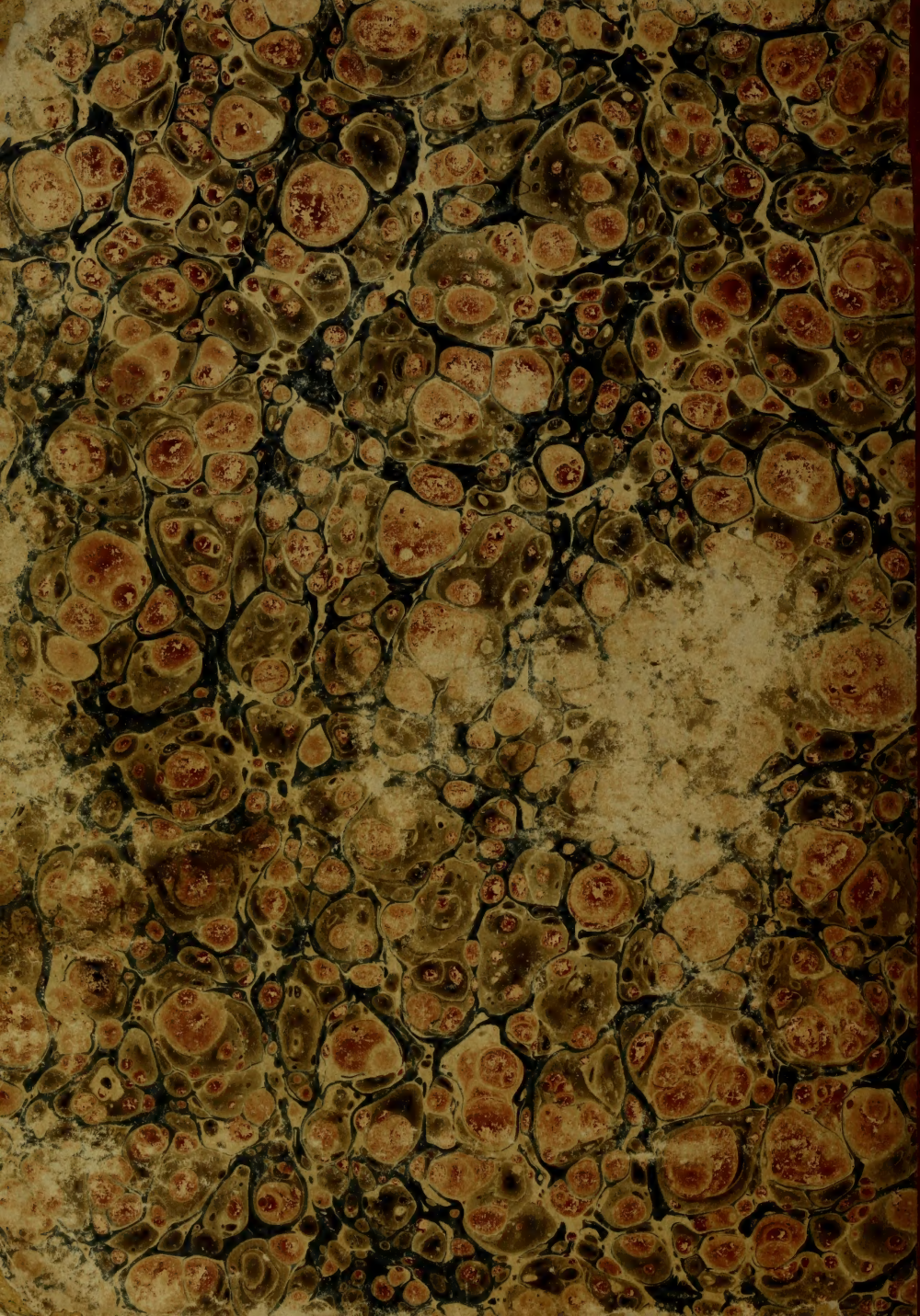
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